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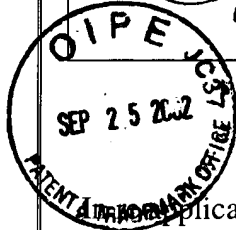
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

BEN SHEN, WEN LIU, STEVEN D. CHRISTENSON, and SCOTT STANDAGE

Application No.: **09/478,188**

Filed: **01/05/2000**

For: **GENE CLUSTER FOR PRODUCTION OF THE ENEDIYNE ANTITUMOR ANTIBIOTIC C-1027**

Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr

Art Unit: 1652

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months; and
- 2) Formal drawings (Figures 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4, 5A, 5B, 5C, 7, 8A, 8B, 8C, 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D); and
- 3) Sequence listing paper copy and computer readable form.

Please amend the specification and claims as follows

In the Specification.

Please delete the existing sequence listing and insert the accompanying replacement sequence listing (pages 1-52).

Please delete the title of the application and insert the following replacement title:

--METHODS OF MODIFYING BIOLOGICAL MOLECULES USING AN
O-METHYLTRANSFERASE FROM THE C-1027 BIOSYNTHESIS GENE CLUSTER--.